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THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MOUNT DIABLO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB will be held this Friday night at 8:00 PM, September 20th, at the Contra Costa Junior College, East Campus. The event on for the evening will be an AUCTION! So bring your old junk, good stuff, white elephants, etc. Please identify each piece of equipment up for sale by marking what it is, and mark YOUR call letters on it. A small sticker or even chalk will be sufficient. Thank you. Come one and all and see some of the items you can get!

**BOARD MEETING:** The board meeting was held at the home of John Hopkins, K6AQ, and those present were, W6LGW, W6BEP, K6IMV, K6KRF, W6PIR, K6AQ (of course) and Mrs. H. Many items discussed. One in particular is a tentative training program for message handling, which would be instructed by the net controls on the regular Monday night nets. Also, Trail-Ride ~~was~~ discussed, and under Keyclicksandchirps find a more complete run-down of the ride. Mrs. Hopkins served coffee and very delicious home-made cake and we QRT around 11:45PM.

**KEYCLICKSANDCHIRPS:** Remember last meeting when we had Mr. Emery Boring as our guest speaker for the evening? Interviewed, Mr. Boring reported that he sent a copy of THE CARRIER mentioning the coming of his talk to the Hickcock Inst. office in Cleveland (headquarters) and from their office, a reprint was sent to EVERY Hickcock representative in the United States and Canada! Thanks, Mr. B., our little paper is sure getting around! Also, Mr. Boring has traveled over 60,000 air miles by plane and has driven over 64,000 to be places for his talks on trouble-shooting, alignment of equipment, test equipment, etc. Finally, after all this he has been transferred home. He is by no means the only ham member of the family, either! His son: K6YGI, Brother-in-law: K6IZB, Nephew: W7YQI, and a brother in Alaska: W4MGD/KL7. Also, two other sons to take Novice test this month!

**TRAIL RIDE:** Radio operators who participated in the Trail Ride, as we have them listed, were W6OHR, K6AQ, DUY, DEL, IMV, ~~OS0~~, W6CGS, FKX, and relays on the side were W6AIL, K6IYX, OGU. Riders had a wonderful time, and the ham operators as well. One horse got tired and refused to go on. He was only 21 years old, tho. Another horse refused to cross a stream, and even threw one rider. But finally after brute force, the horse crossed. Dorothy Smith, From SMITH HILL, rode as Chaperone on the Junior Ride. Saturday night everyone stopped at Barbeque Flat on Mt. Diablo and had a big steak (bar-B-Q'd of course). John Hopkins, K6AQ, the Astronomy expert on the trip said that it was a beautiful night and they watched the occultation of Saturn by the moon.---(In other words, the moon was seen to pass between Saturn and the earth.) Sunday the riders began the decent and the hams were invited to attend another barbeque at the Trail Ride Grounds in Concord. This time, Roast Beef! All in all, the comments from the hams were WONDERFUL, GREAT, and they had lotsa fun. You fellas who missed should try to get in on the ride next time! Not only good times were had, but the communications did serve the trailriders very well, and from what some say, it was very well handled and certainly appreciated.... ..

**MILES SLAPE:** W6QEN/5 in Texas was reported heard here on coast on 40 meters.

JESS MEREDITH, K6KWX, club secretary now has a new job with R. C. A. in Vallejo! Good Luck, Jess on the new venture. We understand that Jess is still living here locally, so we hope that he won't be moving away!

VIRGIL ("Blackie") LAWRENCE, K6ILH is vacationing in North Carolina.

BILL GOHEEN, W6AIL, now has a converter and SX-25 on 6 meters. Pretty hot reception too, we hear.

THE CAMERONS, W6RVC's, Harry, Maxine, Mike & Orin have returned home from their vacation in Vancouver. They brought home some swell slides of the trip. They all love to fish, and so in their new aluminum boat they went out casting.... They came home with frozen fish, smoked fish, canned fish, fish, pictures of fish, and fish stories. We understand that they really did catch some beauties.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS: K6PIL, Jack Terry is now the proud father of a baby girl, born August 19, 1957 at 0455 hrs. Weight 9 lbs. 3 oz. New gal is named Wanda Jean Terry. Father doing nicely. Congrats from the CARRIER on the new arrival!

Several MDARC club members attended the WESCON, at the Cow Palace in So. SF. This was the yearly meeting of the I. R. E., displaying all the latest electronic gear. Those who went that we know of were K6AQ, W6NHT, K6DEJ, W6PEL, K6IMV.

CHAS. APPLGATE, W6BEP, advertised his C.C.Applegate Special Xmtr in last issue of Carrier, and sold it to Leon Grabowski, K6UJR. Thanks to Carrier from Chas. Anyway, Leon and Chas. set the rig up over at Leon's and worked and worked at it. First few times didn't seem to be getting out too good. Run it up over again and the first big contact for Leon that evening was a station in Eastern Siberia! (We didn't get the call letters of the station, sorry). Good DX, Lee.

Pete Peterson, W6LGW, had a 12v. car and a 6v. Gonset Communicator.

Doug Lortsher, Wn6KLM, had a 6v. car and a 12v. Gonset Communicator.

Under these circumstances, a swap was inevitable, so they did! Both seem very happy with the trade.

Speaking of a 12v. car.....which LGW had....this is a NEW ONE! Pete decided on a 1957 Plymouth Belvedere Four Door Sport Sedan (Hardtop convertible) with all the big extras...power brakes, steering, etc. Gold and white it sure is a fancy job! They picked it up Tuesday, Sept. 10. Mrs. LGW says, "Now, I'll have to put up with all kinds of holes drilled in the new car for antennas!"

TRANSMITTER HUNT: Maybe we should write this up, and let you all know how the fox nearly had the boys out on a limb! Actually, the hunt took a little longer than usual, however, eventually Pete W6EFI, with Parky, K6IMV assisting found "Hernando's Hideaway" with the least mileage and will be the bunny next time. W6LGW was the fox and he hid at the end of Laverna Heights road. Take a look on the map and you'll see why the location gave trouble. Sure was fun. The hidden Xmtr was located at the doorstep of Mr. & Mrs. Larry Stark (Stark-ravin'-mad) and they came out to join in the fun. After the hunt was over everyone came up to LGW'S QTH in Alamo for coffee and loads of donuts. The Starks came along too, and we certainly enjoyed having them and appreciated the interest. Perhaps a new ham in the making! Tentatively the next hunt will be held MONDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 30, but will be confirmed at meeting or on air before.

AL DAVIS, K6KYT, is going on more business trips. He is installing atomic reactors, the world's first mass-produced type. Just returned from Oklahoma State Univ., Texas A.&M. Will go next to Colorado State U., Catholic University of America in Wash., D. C. then on to Maryland. He sure is getting around! And, with all that traveling of the USA, he managed to make the long trip to Alamo to visit LGW & family....and Jimmy & Johnny, the twins, came to visit Nancy Lorenz, W6PIR'S Jr. Op.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: (Ed. Note: since this paper only comes out once a month, some of the correspondence is rather old, however, it will be new to some)

8/17/57

To: W6LGW: "Dear Pete, Thanks for your letter and the invitation to attend your meeting and the Xmtr hunt. I certainly enjoyed them and learned a lot. I wrote up the meeting, transmitter hunt, and the data on your Field Day as given in your paper, and sent the memo to Project Civil for the Civil Defense Files. You are a Very Progressive group, and it was a pleasure to see so much complete family participation, that really makes it click, both from the standpoint of available operators - and being a mighty reliable communication system. Thanks also for the information on K6USN in studying the code and hope to get that license one of these days. Best Wishes, Ed." from Ed Burr, 1305 Tevlin, Berkeley, Calif.

8/15/57 from Vancouver, B. C.

"Hi Folks: We are in Canada now. A few minutes ago I heard someone honk K6JAV so we pulled over and talked to VE7AZ (ex VE5LY) for a couple of minutes. He said there was a little activity on 2 meters. Now we are trying to find a place to eat. Yesterday we visited Grand Coulee Dam and a few days ago saw Crater Lake. 2 Mtrs. has been dead ever since I signed with Mary, W6PIR. I did hear Radio The Dalles, an airforce station on 146.81 (maybe a harmonic). I also heard a few A0 carriers (Probably TV oscilators) in big cities." Signed: Ken, K6JAV.

ADVERTISING: Panoramic Scope - good shape, 1031-A, Army Surplus, 400 to 500 KC IF Class. Spare 3AP1A for it. Swap or make offer.

HFS National Receiver. 27 to 250 MG.

One Generator - 110V. AC input - 60 cycles. 28V DC output. 30 amp. max. output. swap or make offer.

100 Mill Mallory Vibrapack 6V DC input. Swap or make offer on all the

above equipment. Contact EMERY BORING, W6IIF, at Thornwall 5-1771 or LU 1-8870.

FOR SALE: Globe Scout 65-A for \$60.00....used 6 months! New 6146. (Has 6C5 and 5U4 missing, but new prices: Kit \$89.95 and wired \$99.95) Looks like a bargain. Contact Cameron, K6OGU. (Cameron Sperling).

WANTED: Super-Pro 34 mg. Will Swap Roto Tiller, 26" Cut, Model B1-6  
5 Horsepower at 2400 RPM.. 22.97 cubic inches.  
Tires 400x12, Fairbanks Morris Magneto  
Tilson Carbureator (color Yellow)

If no swap, will sell for \$175.00. See Pete Weiben or call MU 5-5887.

KEYCLICKSANDCHIRPS: Our Club Picnic held at Mitchell Canyon Park was a big success. (But not as big as we could be....guess lots of folks were still on vacation)....Those present included Ralphie & Elmer Hill, W6QEP, John and Nesla Silkitis, Parkinsons, K6IMV, Camerons W6RVC, Archie Waring W6ACN, Petersons W6LGW, Hopkins K6AQ & Mrs. Somers, Hertzberg K6DQL and guests Ralph & Marietta Dora of Walnut Creek. Coffee and Cool-aid served by the club and everyone had a very nice evening.

Lee Hertzberg, K6DQL, and Viola just returned from a vacation (last month) in Petersburg Alaska. Four modes of transportation enabled them to get there... Drove to Seattle. Ferry to Vancouver. Steamer to Ketchikan. Flew to Petersburg. They were gone 22 days. Temperature in the 80's there. Caught some good trout, and caught some good color slides of glaciers, etc. Didn't run across any hams, however!

JIM CHILLIARD, W6CGS & family returned last month (Aug. 9) from his vacation. He talks regularly with Dick Wallace, W6TCU in Santa Monica, and Dick came back from his vacation about the same time. Dick says he sure enjoys the CARRIER...thanks, Dick, we enjoy sending it to you, too!



ROSTERTIME: Dig out the wrinkled rosters again, boys, here are some corrections and changes AND additions:  
 Bob Short (new address:) Fred Reiben (new address) Chas. Applegate  
 1218 Glenwood Drive 3239 Judith Lane New Phone:  
 Concord, Calif. Lafayette, AT 3-8428 YE 5-7528

NEW MEMBERS:

Jeff Hurst 24 Oak Ct. Walnut Creek. YE 4-3794	O. D. Packard, W6APP 1103 Temple Drive Martinez - MU 2-4210	Fred Honnold 175 Moraga Hwy Orinda, Calif.
Gary Henderson, Kn6ZNH 184 Moraga Hwy Orinda, Calif.	Douglas Lortsher, Wn6KLM 3343 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Lafayette AT 3-2219	Martin Smith, Kn6ZMI 26 Via Hermosa Orinda, CL 4-5838
Russ Stedinger, K6ZBL 2816 Delaware St. Oakland, Calif.	Standish J. Watson, Wn6TKY 1480 So. California Blvd. Walnut Creek	Bill Parkinson, K60S0 1967 El Dorado Ave. Berkeley LA 4-4388

**APPEAL:** Radio operators are needed for the annual Walnut Festival Parade, to be held in Walnut Creek, Sunday, September 22. Two meter gear will be used, mobile. Any of you fellows with 2 meter mobile gear available, and who can be on hand to operate, please contact Pete, W6LGW at the meeting, or call VERNON 7-2872...We need at least five Xmtrs and as many operators or more. K6IMV has signed up, so come on fellas, he can't talk to himself! Should be lotsa fun. Remember this is For the parade Sunday, Sept. 22. At least one operator on duty in a.m. and all after 1200 noon. Thanks.

**READ IN SAN FRANCISCO NEWSPAPER:** "Mrs. Lucille Morrison, a Los Angeles marriage expert, recommends husband seekers take up ham radio as a hobby; move away and go to Wyoming where there is a woman shortage!" (H-m-m-m. ed.)

**ATTENTION:** This month's Carrier is printed by Doug Lortsher, Wn6KLM, whose hobby is printing. (Actually an avocation)...also, if you are interested in A QSL card, see Doug, and perhaps he will have time (spare, that is) to work up one with you.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE SECOND OF A SERIES OF EXERPTS FROM:  
 Continued from last month)

" SOUTHEAST EUROPE IN THIRTY DAYS"

By: Stan Mumford

(Continuing from the last issue of THE CARRIER, where Stan was to see for himself the largest refugee camp in existence at the Hungarian border....we continue.

"The Hungarian Border. The name of the town was Traiskirchen. Entering the grounds, a German-speaking official of some kind demanded what business I had there, but luckily, a Hungarian walking beside me persuaded the man to let me pass. The friendly Hungarian then took me to see the "man in charge." We walked among large drab moth-eaten buildings where, presumably, the Hungarians were housed. Sad-faced disillusioned individuals of various sorts were roaming around but not everything was depressing, for several were playing vollyball on an athletic field, and none was dressed too shabbily, that is in utter rags, as would be the case in other areas that I was soon to see. At any rate these people were being clothed, housed, and fed. And as we walked through the corridor, I could see a Mickey Mouse cartoon being shown in a dark room. Sounds of broadcast radios were issuing from other rooms, although I was soon to learn that this was certainly no indication of living comfort.

"Wandering into the movie room, I hit, by chance a Hungarian who made my visit to the camp one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Never have I met a man in a group, whose mentality and outlook contrasted so much with his immediate associates. Whereas the majority of refugees hanging around the premise

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("Southeast Europe in Thirty Days" - Stan Mumford.) Cont'd.

appeared depressed, my new friend immediately struck me as intelligent, happy, industrious, and forward looking; and since he was one of the few individuals in the camp who knew English, his friendliness toward me proved most informative.

After meeting John's family he invited me to go with them to their living quarters where we could talk, climbing up the top floor to a schoolboy's bedroom. This was their living quarters - and they shared it with two other women! In other words, four fifths of the floor space was bed space - and as we entered we found one of the women washing clothes in a large bucket, taking up the remaining space. The room contained nothing else but a few clothes hanging here and there and a picture of Donald Duck which had been drawn on the wall. Then for two "suspensful" hours, intensely interesting hours, John, related his own eye-witness story of the Hungarian Revolution. Especially with the realization that the border over which this man and his family had just escaped was only 30 miles down the road. He did not stop after relating how he had deserted the communist army and fought his own countrymen with a sub-machine gun, how the revolutionary hopes rose, fluctuated, and fell as the communist tanks moved in, how the family escaped into Austria, for his life in Hungary had given him an acute understanding of impressions of the Red Regime in Hungary in pre-revolutionary days. For him, the most unbearable thing had been the lack of freedom of self expression, and the constant fear that your best friend might be an informer. This had been too much for the people of Hungary to take, and so it is not surprising that, after observing semi-revolutionary successes in Poland, and thus coming under the delusion that Soviet Russia was beginning to give in to satellite cries of freedom - they took a chance. And yet the Hungarians hadn't regarded their final struggle as a gamble - for as John testified: "When we flared into revolt to begin the second stage of the revolution - we actually believed we were going to win." By the time I hit the road to South Austria, it was practically dark. But I was behind schedule and determined to reach Yugoslavia as soon as possible. With such thoughts, we parted in Kaltenfurt and I turned toward Yugoslavia.

I arrived in Ljubljana. I aimlessly wandered through my first communist city in the night. Class-less society all right! Everyone's poor. I was struck with the plainness, drabness, and dullness of window displays. I was hungry so found a restaurant and later joined at my table by a Yugoslav couple. No English-speaking here. I tried my limited German and it worked! We made friends, and they insisted upon paying, and did pay for my 50¢ meal. The following morning I made my way to a small breakfast shop for the cheapest breakfast of my career - hot milk and all the French bread I could eat for 7¢! Still in my mind were the confusing words of last night's hotel manager. "A room with three beds - will cost 350 dinars" he had stated in English. "But I don't want three beds - there are only one of me, not three!", I blurted out. "Well, if you want to pay less, you can have a room with five beds," he retorted. Before shouting at him, it suddenly dawned on me that he was renting me a bed only - not a room - which is the custom in Southern Europe. In other words, you share one room with various local customers, trustworthy and otherwise.... It was a warm morning and I was anxious to get on the road. Arriving in Zagreb at 5:30 PM, I began walking the streets. A weird feeling crept over me - something was wrong with the city. Then I realized that there was no noise! What is a city without noise? All that came to my ears were the clicks of many walking feet - yes - people all right, but no one said a word - just walking along in their ragged clothes, in silence - like zombies. Nor were there any shouting of newsboys, no glimmer of self expression in anyone. Is this the result of the "informer system?" Then I hitched a ride in a truck and arrived in Belgrade. Never have I felt so miserably cold. As I entered the station waiting room, my motive was first to get warm second to sleep. But what a mess! I might as well have been in a snake pit. Cold and crowded with wretched creatures of all descriptions, the room swam around my dazed tired head like a nightmare as I closed my eyes. But the noise blinked them open constantly seeing human beings, some standing, some sitting, lying, each and every one dressed in utter rags. Where's the communist authorities? In he came, with a stick - a well dressed person at last - a policeman's uniform and a loud harsh voice ordering sleeping personnel from their peaceful recline. I could stand it no longer and rushed out into the street..... (THIS has been the second installment of a series.... Next month the remainder of Yugoslavia experiences and Greece. Ed.)



**SILENT KEYS OF the Carrier:** K6JFD, Roger Decker, passed away suddenly Thursday morning, September 12. Funeral Services held Sunday, September 15 at the Mac Farlaine-Bryant Chaple, 1385 Galindo St., Concord. The CARRIER and the Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club wish to express deepest sympathy at this time to Mrs. Decker.

**MOREKEYCLICKSANDCHIRPS:** Wrinkled Rosters again...Please add the name of **AL DAVIS**, K6KYT, 51 Mission Lane, Walnut Creek ... Joined the club while visiting W6LGW at Alamo, and his official membership card will be mailed later by treas. Glad to have you with the gang, Al!

**AND AGAIN: ATTENTION RADIO AMATEURS:** The Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Association would like to call all available operators (at least six) for Wednesday noon and evening and Thursday, October 2 and 3. This service would be used to escort riders coming in from various parts of the state over state trails to attend the annual California State Horseman's Convention in Antioch. There will also be an airplane available to spot the riders as they near the locale, and help the ground operators control the traffic and herd these riders into one large group. Perhaps there will be enough of you fellas around to help out. Sure would be appreciated. **CONTACT:** Bob ("Doc") Graham, at the Animal Clinic in Concord. MU 5-0278 or go over to 501 Monument Blvd., Concord. This announcement will also be mentioned on the Monday night CD Nets, in case something can be worked out....

**HEADLINES:** Did you see the write-up the other day of the Aurora Borealis? Well, taken in part from the Tribune is the following: "Mary Ellen Lorenz first saw the lights as a glow in the east shortly after 1:00 AM ..They spread directly overhead, she said, and reached their peak brilliance about 1:30 AM. She (W6PIR) was watching the rare nocturnal visitor with her father, O. W. Peterson (W6LGW) a radio "ham" operator who contacted friends in San Francisco and Sacramento on a three-way hookup." (Knowing how rare these "Northern Lights" are in this part of the country, I surely was glad my folks woke me up to catch them. Beautiful reds and "curtains" of white lights. Very spectacular....although at first I did think the Martians were landing! Ed.)

**SIXMETERNETNEWS:** Members of the Monday Night 6 meter net (50.68) now check in members with a new system. If a member checks in in person at 8:00 PM Monday nights, he is written in the log. If he is checked-in by another member of the net (having made arrangements before net time, and absent due to other commitments he is checked in with a "p" following his call for "Proxy." If checked in by some one else, because of vacation a "V" is used. If no check in at all an "A" for Absent it used. This type of record, after a period of use, will help the net controls to establish the actual participants of the net at net time. Thus, an average can be made as to how many actual operators would be available at any determined time. Members feel that this way, in case of emergency, the CD could be notified of the approximate number of operators that would be available.

**TECH NEWS?:** We have had some requests for some technical news items for you fellows, and so if you have some schematic or article you have found interesting, or that you, perhaps, have conceived yourself, send it in to the CARRIER, and we'll be happy to put your items in print, for the benefit of the readers. Tnx. Ed

**FOR SALE:** (Correction of ad in last month's CARRIER----

Bud rack 6' enclosed. Ventillation blower, vertical 110 volt plugstrip and input cable wired in. Has rear door, ball bearing casters on reinforced mounts, painted light blue. Has six drawer slides for easy access to equipment. have that **REAL PROFESSIONAL LOOK** for ONLY thirty bucks (\$30.00) I need a beam antenna rotator. For sale by: JESS MEREDITH, Phone MU 5-6249. (Ed note: last month the above advertisement was credited to the wrong person, we do not know if the item is still for sale, however, a re-print is necessary to clarify the seller's name correctly.)

**LEE PARKINSON**, K6OBB, has been "tagged" with a new set of phonetics! So far she has been the "Old Busy Bee" and many others, now it is shortened to "Oh, Bay-Bee!" (Oh Baby!)

At last month's meeting of the MDARC, a drawing was held, using the numbers from membership cards. All the Parkinson family were there except one, and guess who's card was drawn! Yep, the one who didn't come that night!

Also, another call book was auctioned off and after the bidding was going on for quite some time, Johnny Hopkins, K6AQ finally won it for \$3.25! He has bid on every one auctioned this year, and finally made it! Hi.

#### MORE NEW MEMBERS:

Bud & Evelyn Mc Daniel (Bud-W6KTF)  
3184 Ameno Rd., Concord.

Gerald Bogdanoff, K6QHC  
2116 Stewart Ave.  
Walnut Creek- YE 4-9122

Charles Herman, W6HTA  
61 Bolla Avenue  
Walnut Creek VE 7-6634

Bill Husbands, K6YYE  
Ruth Dr., Pleasant Hill  
MU 2-3711.

STEVE BOYD, K6JAY, has returned from a month's vacation at Lake Tahoe. He says that there wasn't much doing on 2 meters, but he did find lotsa work on 75 using Jim Hilliard's Elmac. And, Steve's at it again. Remember when he broke his arm? Well, last Friday he broke his elbow. Went to the hospital and was operated on, they put a pin through his elbow, and he will have another operation later to remove the pin. Was at Merrit Hospital, Oakland. Although he's had his problems he can't complain too much, as he hasn't had to return to school yet! Hi hi. Good luck, Steve, and we hope to see you at the Auction this Friday night!

DR. STAN WATSON (Wn6KTY) and his Xyl, Kathy (Wn6SRO - "Standing Room Only") have just recently passed their Novice test. Stan also finished a DX-35 transmitter kit, and did a beautiful job on it, too! The bug bit them through Harold Mumford, W6FAR, and they took their lessons and tests from W6LGW. So watch for them on the Novice bands and give them some "local" practice! Congrats to you both!

Ahh for the good old days? Noticed in the February 1937 issue of QST an ad for one of Nationals' fancy amateur receivers, including 10, 20, 40, 80, and 160) and the net price including power supply, tubes, speaker and crystal filter was only \$125.00!

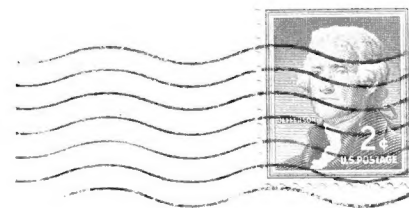
#### RECAP

REMEMBER: Meeting this Friday night - 8:00 PM for the Auction....  
Also, don't forget to contact Bob Graham, MU 5-0278 if  
you can participate and operate on Oct. 2 & 3.  
Monday night nets.

See you next month, when the CARRIER will present the conclusion to  
"Southeast Europe in Thirty Days" by Stan Mumford.

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